

REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-20 were rejected as being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claim 21 was not rejected.

Claim 1 has been amended as kindly suggested by the Examiner.

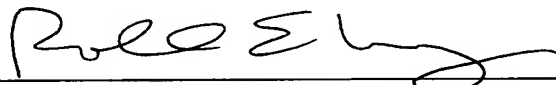
In view of this amendment, withdrawal of the rejection as to claims 1-20 being directed to non-statutory subject matter is respectfully requested.

In that the claimed invention is believed to be patentable over the prior art, applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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